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TO: C - Mr. Alexis Johnson
THROUGH: S/S
FROM: L - Mr. Abram Chayes
SUBJECT: Assurances re Cuban Security on
Reciprocal Basis

Further to my memorandum of today on this subject, I am attaching a draft of an additional alternative for a declaration on Cuba. This one includes the following elements:

- (a) More explicit commitments on the part of Cuba; and
- (b) An assurance against export of revolution by subversion, which at the same time covers the problem of Cuban refugees.

It might be desirable to secure OAS concurrence in the substance of any declaration as part of the process by which the quarantine would be lifted.

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DECLARATION ON CUBA

As a member of the Organization of American States, the United States is guided in its policies by the Principles set forth in the Charter of the Organization adopted at Bogota in April 1948. The United States attaches particular importance to the following declaration contained in Article 5 of that Charter: "International order consists essentially of respect for the personality, sovereignty, and independence of States, and the faithful fulfillment of obligations derived from treaties and other sources of international law."

The United States Government takes cognizance of the statement of the Government of Cuba of _____, setting forth undertakings by Cuba to fulfill faithfully its international obligations and in particular to refrain from any actions in relation to other American Republics which would contravene obligations set forth in Article 7, 11, and 15 of the Charter of the Organization of American States. It is understood that discharge by the government of an American Republic of its obligations under that Charter includes appropriate measures with respect to actions by persons within its jurisdiction, in accordance with the requirements of international law.

Taking note of the aforementioned statement of _____, and in conformity with the declaration contained in Article 5 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, the United States Government affirms that its policy is to accord a scrupulous respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of all the American Republics, including Cuba, expecting in return a like respect and faithful fulfillment of obligations.

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